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REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended, and claim 69 is canceled. Claim 1 is the only claim remaining in the application for consideration.

This Amendment is being filed to facilitate a follow-up action on the part of the Examiner following the ruling of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, mailed on February 12, 2007. Such ruling effectively indicates that dependent claim 69 is allowable over the art of record.

By the above amendment, the subject matter of claim 69 has been written in to claim 1, and claim 69 has been canceled. It is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowability be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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